

Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things.—Deut. 28:47.

Editorial Page of The Mountaineer

It is not in life's chances but in its details that happiness comes to the heart of the individual.—Roswell Long.

No Time To Slacken The Pace

This is no time to throw in the sponge, and give up.

Up until now, we have been going along at a rapid pace with apparent ease in Haywood. Our farmers have been prosperous, and the tourist group has been expanding rapidly, and improving their various places.

Then out of a clear sky comes lower beef prices, and extremely dry weather which hits hard at the farmer's pocketbook. And the polio news from other sections of the state has perhaps curtailed some travel that might have otherwise come this way.

And there have been some disappointments in other things here, but that is just part of the life of an individual, a town, county, state or nation.

We still have been spared any major catastrophe, we have had no floods, hurricanes or epidemics.

We have a lot to be thankful for, and while we have had some jolts, we might give more thought to the many advantages, and blessings we have received, which far out-weigh the things which we are prone to "get us down."

There are a lot of citizens in many parts of the world that would welcome the opportunity to live in Haywood, and accept only a partial share of the many advantages found here.

Almost Unbelievable Growth

Travel in the Great Smokies, and along the Blue Ridge Parkway continues to show constant gains, month after month. And this is by actual count, and not guesswork.

This record of increased travel, proves month-in-and-month-out that Americans are interested in seeing the scenic spots of this nation more than ever before.

For the first six months of this year, there were 316,892 more people using the Blue Ridge Parkway than for the same period of 1952. This represents an increase of twenty-five per cent. Such a gain proves the popularity of the scenic drives in this State and Virginia.

Compared with this phenomenal gain, it seems that Congress should give this considerable thought, and instead of curtailing development of the natural projects in which the people are showing the greatest interest should instead, try and encourage the continued trend of seeing America first, and spending their vacation money in America.

In fact, on any basis which you might figure it, the investment of the government will prove a profitable one. The tax department has everything to lose by not going ahead with the full development of the Park and Blue Ridge Parkway.

"Give Us Room"

The Board of Education, in a resolution passed by them recently, came up with an idea that is causing considerable comment, and no doubt will bring about serious consideration by the public at large.

The board simply said this in brief and effect: "The Central Elementary school building, when no longer used for a school (about January first) will make ideal quarters for the County School System, which is now handicapped by the small quarters in the court house. So, instead of giving the building up for anything else, we feel it should be converted into quarters for the school administration. And if there is other space left, it can be used for other departments, such as the agriculture, welfare and health."

The idea came forth suddenly, it seems, and has caught the eye and ears of the public.

When all angles are considered, it is known that the court house is far from providing adequate space for several departments—even the welfare rents special quarters elsewhere—and the parking situation about the court house is becoming a problem which seems to have no immediate solution. On the other hand, will the public like having more county offices in two separate buildings, five blocks apart? We just bring up those points, and there are many others which will be considered on both sides of the question, including the action of the recent General Assembly which gave the trustees the right to convert the property, less a lot for the Library, to the Town of Waynesville for recreational or other public uses.

The General Assembly has spoken, so has the Board of Education. The next voice we will hear will in all probability be that of public sentiment—and that is also a strong one.

Hard To Understand

Seven persons lost their lives in a single wreck down at Raeford, when a car with five teen-age boys, returning from a church meeting, crashed into a pick up truck with two middle-aged men, enroute to a religious conference. Six were killed instantly, and the seventh died within hours after the wreck.

Such tragedies are extremely difficult to understand.

We're all itching to go on vacation and may keep it up after we get there.

The simplest way to keep a baby quiet is not to have company.

Some women who don't tell their age also don't act it.

Since the rioting, the Reds are promising to make East Berlin a better prison.—Memphis Press-Schmitzer.

Getting up in the morning and getting down to work are the real productive ups and downs.

There's not as much activity is usual in straw hats this spring, says a dealer. Maybe the wind has died down.

Union leaders contemplating action are advised to hurry and get all their striking done early. Economists say that 4,000,000 jobs will disappear very soon.—New Orleans States.

THE OTHER DROUGHT THAT'S GETTING SERIOUS



Looking Back Over The Years

15 YEARS AGO

George Miller, gifted whittler, finishes library table containing 22,433 pieces of whittled wood.

Mrs. Maria Mitchell entertains with a contract party honoring Mrs. Emmie Rogers Wade of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell and small son of Charlotte are visiting relatives in the county.

Mrs. Hugh Love returns from a trip to Raleigh and Manteo.

10 YEARS AGO

Bob Francis and Roy Arrington receive State Farmer degree.

Clyde Baptist Church has new painting, "The First Baptismal," by James Wynn of Asheville.

Shoe departments have thriving business as odd lots of shoes are offered to the public ration-free.

Staff Sgt. Paul M. Miller arrives safely in England.

Bill Hannah is in charge of second annual tennis tournament, sponsored by St. John's School.

5 YEARS AGO

Plans are completed for spraying the entire area with 80,000 gallons of DDT solution.

Miss Janet Abel is featured on the cover of the current issue of Colliers Magazine.

Dr. Phil Medford is associated with his father in the practice of dentistry.

John Woodard is new chief of police of Hazelwood.

Miss Nancy Jones, bride-elect, is honored by Miss Mary Ann Massey and Miss Betsy Siler.

Views of Other Editors

THEY CAN'T TAKE IT AWAY

Tuesday the memory of a great American was honored in a little community near Jolins, Missouri. He was George Washington Carver. Born into slavery, the late Mr. Carver led his class at Iowa State College, after being denied an education in his native state. He went on to become one of the world's greatest agricultural scientists. From his teaching post at Tuskegee he showed thousands of farmers how to improve their farming methods. He developed dozens of new uses, in agriculture and in industry, for the sweet potato, the peanut and the soybean.

As Interior Secretary McKay dedicated the George Washington Carver National Monument—the first national monument erected in honor of a Negro—an old farmer who knew the scientist in his youth recalled their association.

"Old Moses Carver told him," the farmer said, "that he could be robbed of money but never of an education."

The scientist never forgot his un-schooled father's remark. He became a very learned man. But he also demonstrated, by his teaching methods in rural areas, that education is not always a matter of going to school or acquiring diplomas. Education can be obtained from county agents and home demonstration agents, from libraries and bookmobiles, by reasoning and experimenting.

Moses Carver's observation is as sound today as it was when he gave it. Education continues to be the means by which all persons, and American Negroes in particular, can improve their lot. No one can take it away.—Charlotte News.

A FORGOTTEN HERO?

A bill introduced by Senator Burnet Maybank of South Carolina brings to light again a surprising and unbecoming fact—something the senator, with laudable persistency has long been trying to do: Neither the federal government nor any state has ever erected a statue in honor of General of the Armies John J. Pershing, Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I.

General Pershing's native state of Missouri has named a state park for him. But nowhere in public parks, esplanades, grounds, or buildings—generally prettily adorned by figures of military

heroes great and small—is there a statue of the man once the very symbol of American soldierliness and valor.

Part of the explanation may be found in the fact that General Pershing was himself chairman of the American Battle Monuments Commission. His own modesty and professional ethics doubtless prevented him from countenancing any move by the commission to honor him. Part, it would be hard to deny, lies in the general's own austere, self-effacing personality. The public saw in him more the office than the man. And he rejected all opportunities to capitalize his prestige either in public life or private business.

These are qualities, particularly in a professional soldier that Americans would not wish to ignore any more than they would refrain from recognizing qualities of statesmanship and political leadership when they appear.

—Christian Science Monitor.

BACK TO COLLEGE

College enrollments, which declined within the last few years, are expected to be on the upgrade again when new terms begin in September.

It has been announced that 350,000 recently discharged Korean veterans have already applied for educational benefits under the new GI bill.

The influx of such students following World War II not only increased college enrollments, they also gave a more mature and serious tone to campus life. A repetition of that experience would be a helpful thing for the colleges as well as the men involved.

—Raleigh News and Observer.

HAS PROVED ITSELF

Six years ago establishment of the city management form of government in Raleigh was big news and there was widespread interest in the election and installation of the first city council under that plan.

There was not a great deal of interest in the election this year of a new council in May and the installation of the new council (with only two of the seven serving their first terms) and a new mayor attracted no general attention although personal friends of those directly involved were present in force.

This lack of general interest means that Raleigh has accepted the new form of government. But while the new plan has proved itself to the apparent satisfaction of the people, it will have to continue to prove itself or there will be a demand for a change, either

Rambling 'Round

Bits Of Human Interest News By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Well, here we are off on our pet peeve again. We have two parking on sidewalks and obnoxious children in public eating places. It is the latter that we are airing this time. We look at the parent (or parent, as the case may be) and wonder if they realize what nuisance their children are to other people who have come in for a restful meal. Or is it a case that they simply do not see nor care of the child's misbehavior. It may be like the dripping of water stone... but even that simile won't work for in the long run stone finally has to give in to the drip. Those nice people who let anything worry them are the ones that tell us it is our own fault... that we should absolutely ignore the actions of the child. Fat chance, when a shriek from an adjoining table or a glass of water cascading down on the floor, makes urgent a desire to leave heavily where it will do the most good.

If we knew how the other half lived, we might want to swap in.

We've had readers kind enough to tell us that they like the "black-eyed" paragraphs best. But recently a lady said: "Please have 'Little Mary' often. I have a little Mary of my own and know only too well, that 'out of the mouth of babes' can come considerable embarrassment... and the urgent and prompt need of explanations."

If we would only catch our breath before we make an angry reply, we could catch the reply at the same time.

Mrs. Abbe and Mrs. Bebee went up town shopping one Wednesday morning, and the time slipped away before they realized it was twelve o'clock when ten minutes away. There was one more article to be bought and Mrs. Abbe suggested that they buy this at the minute, but Mrs. Bebee demurred. "If we go in there," she said, "you know we linger longer than we intend to and that will depend the clerk of a part of the afternoon off." Mrs. Abbe looked at a friend with a puzzled expression, then she slowly remarked: "It is food for thought. Do you know I never looked at it from the angle before and I'm glad you made me conscious of it." After a moment, she continued: "From now on, anything I don't buy on Thursday will just wait until Thursday." We feel sure that many a clerk will be a grateful thank you to both of these ladies.

It is thoughtlessness that prompts a customer to go into a store just before closing time on Wednesday and pure selfishness makes them excuse themselves by explaining: "As long as I'm in before twelve, you can't refuse to wait on me."

A little thought was born one day Into a world of busy men, Who had no time to coddle it; Or care if, why or even when, Then all at once they needed it. So very much, and then they cried The little thought was their idea... But by that time the thought had died.

Bugs Are Oil Key

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP)—If there are bugs on the soil there's oil down below.

That's the belief of Logan Goodknight of Long Beach, who has studied and found significant the relation between the presence of certain soil bugs and oil deposits.

His theory is backed by the development of 18 wildcat producers in Texas, Kansas and California into million dollar properties. "These bacteria," Goodknight said, "live on volatile gases from the oil and gas below. They multiply and leave 'tracks' and chemical tests verify their presence and indicate commercial production."

Some flowers have an odor which is nauseating to man but which attracts certain flies which pollinate the flowers.

Ordinary bottle glass melts at a temperature of 2550 degrees Fahrenheit.

in personnel or the form of government, or both.

In the meantime, Raleigh citizens will look to Mayor Fred B. Wheeler and the new council for the same progressive government they enjoyed under Mayor James E. Briggs and most of the same councilmen.

—News and Observer.

Voice of the People

How do you like to spend your vacation?

Mrs. W. C. Boutwell: "Come home to Gulfport, Miss. It's the happiest time of year for me. Go each October and spend my time at the beach fishing and swimming."

Mrs. William R. Nash of Seta, formerly of Waynesville: "Here in the mountains."

Mrs. Troy Boyd: "I like to go to the beach and spend a few days in the sunshine."

Mrs. Charles Edwards: "I live in the mountains, I like to go to the beach."

Mrs. Asbury Medford: "I like to go somewhere where it is nice and cool and take it easy."

Mrs. J. T. Russell: "Traveling to new places and seeing new things."

Mrs. Ned Tucker: "I like to just lying in the sun."

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Clues include: 1. Mandarin tea, 4. Ferry-boat (var.), 7. Suppose (archaic), 8. Metallic rocks, 10. Distend, 11. Lowest deck of a ship of war, 13. Place for bees, 14. Evil-smelling, 15. Keel-billed cuckoo, 16. Terminal parts of legs, 17. Iridium (sym.), 18. Lucid, 19. Poem, 21. American Indians, 23. Accumulate, 25. Belonging to him, 26. Doctrine, 28. Silver (sym.), 29. Fish (N. Atlantic), 30. Crown, 33. Incentive fabric, 35. A fishy fabric, 36. Opposite of "verse", 37. Tracks left by vessels, 38. Vend, 39. Evenings (poet), 40. Governor of Algiers (title), 41. Egyptian god of pleasure, 14. Body of water, 16. Joyously, 19. The (Fr.), 20. Cakes made of oats (slang), 21. Champion, 22. Difficulties (Australia), 24. Personal pronoun, 27. East-north-east, 29. Kind of thread, 31. One-spot cards, 32. Foot-like organ, 34. Having toes, 35. Wash, 37. Network.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY

